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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
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On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2,000,000.
RESERVE FUND, 1,150,000.

Banks.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES. CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES. COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING. TAPESTRY CARPET. DOOR MATS. California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS. REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns. TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS. LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN. GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS. FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE. CLOTH TROUSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns. ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS. CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VETBON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES. COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS. IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES. TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description. FOLDING CHAIRS. CIGARS, CIGARETTES. KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCO. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description. CLARET in Cases. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH. CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

S A M U E L S T U L T Z,
HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYPRINUS," AND

HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds. TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS. BATS IN EVERY STYLE. DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. fe13

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars AND A HALF per Part. To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai. Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK, BEEF! BEEF! Ship "Commissary."

24 Tierces PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, for Sale by private bargain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate. Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

IN Consequence of the Fire, NAM HING LOONG has REMOVED to No. 6, STANLEY STREET, where Business will be Conducted as usual. Hongkong, December 28, 1878. ja28

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point. Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS. LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES. RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS. RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS. HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS. French and English BOOTS and SHOES. The New Patent LIFE VESTS. PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES. SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths. WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES. HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS. COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS. SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES. FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES. CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c. PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS. BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES. DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY. PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS. DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS. CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES. Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted. AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS. SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS. BASS' ALE. GUINNESS'S STOUT. Bottled by FOSTER. Bass in Hides, SACCOONE'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS. 48, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, December 20, 1878. ja20

NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices. Just Arrived from England, an Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS. Hongkong, November 26, 1878. fe1

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Director and Auditors. By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja29

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 29th Instant, inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja29

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ABBOTT ROAD. Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

PLEASE NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHUREN begs to advertise that he will leave this Colony for Europe on or about the 8th of March next, and that therefore no Photos. can be taken by him after the 28th of February. Hongkong, January 13, 1879. fe13

F. HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shops—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral. Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

Intimations.

MOORE & Co.,
"VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS. No. 42, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,

Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878. my29

NOTICE.

THE Head Office of the CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, is This Day REMOVED to No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent, pro tem. Hongkong, December 30, 1878. ja30

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next. The Days of Exhibition will be advertised at an early date.

W. M. B. ARTHUR,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

TENDERS for the REPAIRS of British Barque "GRESHWELL," G. WHIRN, Master, will be Received at the Office of the Undersigned up to 3 p.m., THURSDAY, the 16th Instant.

Separate Tenders are requested for—
1. Carpenter's Work.
2. Blacksmith do.
3. Docking for Inspection and eventually Remounting.
4. Yellow Metal (Muntz) and Nails, if required.
For Particulars, apply on Board. The Undersigned do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

WHEELER & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1879. ja16

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL. Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SEVENTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 8th January, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th January.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 15th January, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,

Liquidators.

Shanghai, January 4, 1879. ja3

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 18th January, 1879, at 2 p.m., at No. 1, Albany, the Residence of Messrs OLYPHANT & Co., the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—English-made Walnut Drawing-Room Suite. Black Walnut Bookcase, Marble-top Tables, Pier Glasses, Engravings, Bronzes, &c. Blackwood Dining Table and Carved Marble-top Sideboard. Morocco-covered Chairs, Whatnots, Dinner and Breakfast Sets, Hand Painted Dessert Sets, Glass and Plated Ware, 1 Set Silver Ware. English-made Mahogany Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door, Bedsteads, Chest of Drawers, Writing Table, Marble-top Washstand and Dressing Table, and Books. One PIANO, by CHICKERING. &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Friday, the 17th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja18

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs BIRLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagees, on or about the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the 1st Class IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP "AMERICA,"

of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbarton, and Engine by Messrs. TON and MCGREGOR, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), working up to 450 H.-P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9½ in.; Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet; loaded, 17 feet; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,500 Piculs exclusive of Bunkers; Class, Lloyds 90 A1; Water Ballast; "Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARTFIELD'S Patent Windlass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft for 3. Boilers retubed in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first-class order.

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be SOLD SEPARATELY.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. BIRLEY & Co., or the AUCTIONEERS, where Inventory and Plan of the Vessel can be seen.

TERMS OF SALE.—Half Cash on fall of the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk at fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGGE,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 18, 1878. ja20

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from E. DE LACHENNE, Esq., French Consul of Canton, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 28th day of January, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

Sundry EFFECTS, belonging to the Estate of the late Captain LONGUEVILLE, comprising:—

A large collection of BOOKS. A collection of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Annamite COINS. Aneroid, Sextant, Microscopes, Telescopes, Binoculars, Medicine Chest, Breech-loading and Needle Rifles and Fowling-Pieces, Spencer Repeating Rifles, Pistols, and Cartridges.

Vases, Bronzes, Ornaments, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja28

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamer "JAPAN," Captain T. S. GARDNER, will leave this for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja18

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY" will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LYNINGTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 11, 1879. ja27

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Schooner "NUERO CONSTANT," URIBATE, Master, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, January 13, 1879. ja18

FOR LONDON.

The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Swedish Bark "ALMA," Captain O. OHLSSON, will be despatched as above on or before the 10th January, 1879.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 4 1 American Bark "J. H. INGERSOLL," Captain Dow, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 30, 1878. ja30

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 4 1 British Ship "MIN-Y-DON," Captain Leslie, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.

The 3/3 L. 1. 1. German Bark "CONDOR," STEFFENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The American Ship "FLEETWING," GUEST, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The 4 1 British Bark "MERUARY," D. THOMAS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOW READY.

YUNG-SHUI, or THE REFINEMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. EITEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR RATIONION, in three Lectures, By Dr. E. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs LANE, Crawford & Co. Hongkong, July 31, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Venice* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, January 12, 1879. ja19

NORWEGIAN SHIP "SUMARLIDE," Captain TOMSEN, FROM HAMBURG.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents, Hongkong, January 11, 1879. ja18

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE NORWEGIAN BARQUE STAUT, FROM ANTWERP.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents, Hongkong, January 6, 1879. ja15

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH SHIP COREA, FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents, Hongkong, January 6, 1879. ja16

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.

Ex "Pei Ho." N. M. K. (in diamond) 54/5 Imp. Aldridge & Co. (in diamond) 1/3, Messrs Gilman & Co., 3 cases Granite, from London. Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

Ex "Iravaddy." G. (in diamond) No. 1/3, Messrs Gilman & Co., 3 cases Granite, from London. Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

TO BE LET. HOUSES Nos. 5 and 9, Zealand Street. DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET. FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.

Apply to WO HANG, Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West. Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET. IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East.

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession 1st February.

As also, SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET. FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, Marine Lot 65.

Also, A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO LET. THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co. Hongkong, November 25, 1878.

TO BE LET. TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

Intimations.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

FONTEINAYE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouyou.—Landstein & Co.

S. R. BRARON, American barque, Capt. A. E. Oakes.—Russell & Co.

PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt. R. Willis.—Chinese.

MAID OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.—Rozario & Co.

DAVINA, British barque, Captain Geo. Scott.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PACIFIC, German steamer, Capt. Hornsheim.—Siemssen & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Capt. PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 16th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 14, 1879. ja19

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Optional Cargo per Bark "PACIFIC SLOPE," from Canton, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

All Cargo unclaimed after Twenty-four Hours will be carried on to WHAMPOA in the Vessel.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, January 14, 1879. ja21

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIGRE," Commandant DE GIARD, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA TO-MORROW, the 15th instant, at 4 p.m.

L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent, Hongkong, January 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIGRE," Commandant CHAMBERLAND, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on THURSDAY, the 18th inst., at 10 a.m.

L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent, Hongkong, January 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIGRE," Commandant CHAMBERLAND, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on THURSDAY, the 18th inst., at 10 a.m.

L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent, Hongkong, January 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gange*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 21st instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent, Hongkong, January 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSILLES;

Also, BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th January, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *IRAVADDY*, Commandant GAVATIN, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Species will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Species and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 24th January, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent, Hongkong, January 14, 1879. ja25

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 13, 9.15 p.m., *Mongolia*, British steamer, 3000, A. Coleman, Shanghai Jan. 11, 2 a.m., Malls and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Jan. 13, *Hazelhurst*, British barque, 877, E. B. Goudey, Victoria (V.I.) Nov. 1, and Honolulu Dec. 7, Coal.—CAPTAIN.

Jan. 13, *Lota*, British barque, 472, W. M. Duffield, Cardiff Aug. 10, Coal.—ORDER.

Jan. 14, *Wm. Phillips*, American schur., 532, Healy, Nagasaki Jan. 8, Coal and General.—CAPTAIN.

Jan. 14, *Pacific Slope*, British barque, 799, Tank, Ochoa, Jan. 7, 5 p.m., General.—RUSSELL & Co.

Jan. 14, *Tigre*, French steamer, 2054, Champenois, Marseilles Dec. 1, Naples 3, Port Said 8, Suez 9, Aden 16, Galle 20, Singapore Jan. 2, and Saigon 8, Malls and General.—MESSAGERS MARITIMES.

Jan. 14, *Stentor*, British steamer, 1304, J. Kirkpatrick, Shanghai Jan. 11, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Jan. 14, *Kwungtung*, British steamer, 676, Punchard, Foochow Jan. 10, Amoy 11, and Swatow 13, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 14, *Quarta*, for Saigon.

14, *Gatine Bros*, for Bangkok.

CLEARED.

Taiwan, for Chefoo.

Verona, for Manila.

Spartan, for Kowloon.

Nova, for Canton.

Alma, for London.

Alva, for Bombay.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Tigre*, for Hongkong: from Marseilles, Sir John and Lady Smeale and serv., Miss Hams, Messrs Crawford, Chambers, Perce de Taylor, and Bala-mao from Galle, Mr H. W. Taylor, from Singapore, Mrs Dorland, and Mr de Somerville, from Saigon, Messrs Tremlett and Tam Keng Sing, Sisters Joseph Pradier and Agathe Marie, Mr Masco, Miss Emeline, and 64 Chinese.—For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Mr Brasen, Rev. and Mrs Galpin, Fathers Inermy and Bray, Sisters Louise, Fe-Holts and Philomena, and Mrs Hall's servant.—For Yokohama: from Imabalia, Mr Sonhart, from Marseilles, Messrs Takagawa and Minoda, Miss Megre and 2 Sisters, Messrs Yamada, Shibuya, Ota, Ikeda, Miyagawa, Ishikawa, Saitai Watanabe and Tanaka, Miss Van der Nalde, Messrs Barre and Weinberger, Mr Monche's servant, and Mr Nobata; from Port Said, Messrs Suwa and Morita.

Per *Pacific Slope*, from Chefoo, Mr Piel.

Per *Kwungtung*, from Coast Ports, Messrs Lewis, Bathgate, Hutchings, Nickels, Herton, Yang, Young Awu, and 187 Chinese.

Per *Hazelhurst*, from Victoria (V.I.) and Honolulu, 120 Chinese.

Per *Stentor*, from Shanghai, 2 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Quarta*, for Saigon, 165 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Stentor* reports: Fresh N.E. winds from Shanghai.

The British steamer *Mongolia* reports: Experienced moderate and fresh N.W. to N.N.E. breezes and fine weather. H.M.S. *Charlybdis* arrived at Shanghai Jan. 8th, and H.M.S. *Grouler* left on the 10th inst. Spoke nothing during the passage.

The British steamer *Kwungtung* reports: Left Fochow on the 10th, had first N.E. winds and fine weather to Swatow. Left Swatow on the 13th at 11 p.m., had moderate N.E. winds and fine weather to port. In Fochow: str. *Haeting*, in Amoy: str. *Glenyon* and *Corea*, and H.M.S. *Hart*. In Swatow: str. *Wenchow*, *Yehsin*, and *Yotung*. S. S. *Yesso* left Amoy on the 11th for Fochow. S. S. *Douglas* left Swatow on the 13th for Amoy.

The British barque *Lota* reports: Left Cardiff with South-westerly winds and thick foggy weather. Aug. 28th reached the N.E. trade wind, carrying it to the 19 of latitude, thence to the equator S.W. winds, crossed on the 22nd Sept., moderate S.E. trade wind to 24 South, thence to 106 E. strong Westerly winds and moderate gales. December 8th made the land S.E. corner of Sandwood Island. Dec. 9th passed through the Ombay Passage light variable winds. 17th, Manila Straits fresh N.W. winds and cloudy. 19th, Gilolo Pass, thence to 187 E. light variable winds, struck the N.E. monsoon in 6 N. strong winds and clear weather Jan. 3rd. Jan. 9th, fresh gale and squally, strong North wind from Vallerete Rocks, which we passed on the 11th, thence to Hongkong fine clear weather. Vessels Spoken: Oct. 1st, *Brugos*, New York to Japan, 68 days out, in lat. 14.8 S., long. 31.14 W.; Oct. 18th, *Augustine*, Liverpool to Manila, 53 days out, in lat. 35.16 S., long. 12.18 W.; Dec. 9th, *Daphne* from London, 119 days out, in lat. 9.18, long. 132.12 E.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close.

For YOKOHAMA.

Per *Tigre*, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th inst.

For HONOLULU.

Per barque *Crusader*, at 4 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th inst.

For SHANGHAI.

Per *Tigre*, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, the 16th inst. Late letters received from 9.10 to 9.30, with 18 cents late fee.

For BANGKOK.

Per *Rajmattamhar*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 16th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALCUTTA.

Per *Japan*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.

Per *Kwungtung*, at 6 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Tokio*, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 17th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

11.15 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11.30 a.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879. ja17

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Mongolia* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Iravaddy* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Day of departure, 7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The Australian Contract Packet *Normanby*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 27th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 1.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 1.30. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1879. ja27

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Notice of optional cargo per *Tigre* to be given at 10 a.m.

Shipping.

4 p.m.—*Tigre* leaves for Yokohama.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, January 16:—

10 a.m.—*Tigre* leaves for Shanghai.

Tenders for Repairs of the Barq. *Cresswell*, will be received at the office of the Agents up to 3 p.m.

Transfer Books of H. C. & M. Steamboat Co. closed from this date till 20th instant, inclusive.

FRIDAY, January 17:—

Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

SATURDAY, January 18:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at the residence of Messrs Oliphant & Co., No. 1, Albany.

3 p.m.—Japan leaves for Singapore, &c.

5 p.m.—*Nuevo Constante* leaves for Manila.

6 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

Goods per *Venice* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, January 19:—

Daylight.—*Kwungtung* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, January 20:—

Sale of the Iron Screw Steamship *America*, by Messrs. Hughes & Legge, on or about this date.

TUESDAY, January 21:—

Goods per *Tigre* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

SATURDAY, January 26:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MONDAY, January 27:—

2 p.m.—*Normandy* leaves for Singapore, &c.

TUESDAY, January 28:—

2 p.m.—Sale of Effects, &c., at Mr Armstrong's Sales Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, January 29:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited, at No. 50 A, Queen's Road.

TUESDAY, February 4:—

Singapore, Saigon and Hongkong—as can be seen by a plan, issued with the *London and China Express* in November 1869, especially made to show the different lines then in progress and those in operation, &c. We can now only wish that the line will be soon established in the interests of the public generally.

The following telegrams are from the *Singapore Daily Times*:

London, Dec. 28.—The message from the Governor and High Commissioner asks Oatway to the Zulu King to disarm and disband his army, to cede San Lucia Bay and receive a Resident.

Greek Commissioners have been appointed to discuss the rectification of the frontier. Yalcoob Khan has arrived at Jellalabad, which is regarded as a sign of submission.

(*L. and C. Express*, Nov. 29th.)

Capt. Leigh, Lieut. Skene, and seventy-five privates of the 74th Regiment are ordered to be held in readiness to embark for Hongkong, to join the regiment.

The following appointments to the China Station are gazetted:—G. W. Muir, paymaster, to the *Iron Duke*, additional, as naval accountant at Yokohama; W. B. Hutchinson, paymaster, to the *Victor Emmanuel*, additional, for charge of naval and victualling stores at Shanghai; Thomas Winterbottom, paymaster, to the *Victor Emmanuel*; Engineer R. A. Shapote, to the *Victor Emmanuel*, additional; Assistant Engineer J. Kerr, to the *Iron Duke*; and Lieut. John L. Nagles to the *Midge*.

Aden, Nov. 9.—The *Feronia* (s.), Hamburg for Shanghai, had the face of her slide valve broken, and was here eleven days having it repaired.

The *Standard* says:—Information has been received by the naval Commander-in-Chief on the China Station of the murder of the whole of a boat's crew belonging to a merchant vessel that called at Hall's Island, one of the Gilbert group. No cause has been assigned for this murderous outrage.

The *Glance*, a screw steamer of 2,800 tons, was launched on the 26th inst. from the yard of the London and Glasgow Shipbuilding Company, near Glasgow. She is the property of Messrs. A. C. Gow and Co., and is intended for the "Glen" line of China clippers.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honor Mr. Justice Russell.)

14th January, 1879.

Lee Anah v. H. G. James, \$47.24.—This was a claim for wages from May to September, 1878, at the rate of \$10 per month, less \$2.75 which he had received on account of provisions but had not used. The defendant denied his liability. Plaintiff, he said, had been paid for May, but for the next three months, viz.: June, July and August, he had not been paid, and it was kept back on account of some property which was missing. The plaintiff had been charged at the Police Court with stealing the missing articles, which comprised jewellery and a silk bed-quilt,—the result being that the plaintiff was sent to six months' hard labor, and was now released before the expiration of his sentence. The plaintiff had, it appears, taken out a summons for the amount now claimed before he went to goal. Plaintiff had more than repaid himself by the theft he had committed.

In answer to the plaintiff, defendant said:—I never recovered any of the missing property. You brought a new quilt to my office one day, but did not give it to me. I told you to take the quilt upstairs, but I cannot say who took it away. I cannot say what date you handed over the things to my new boy. I accused you of having stolen the things, but did not take you before the Magistrate, as you said you could get them back. You never did so, however.

At this stage the case was adjourned for one week, to allow the defendant an opportunity of taking out a cross-summons for the value of the property alleged to have been stolen.

Mr. James said he did not wish to press the case as against the plaintiff.

His Lordship said it was the plaintiff who was pressing him, but that of course it was for him (Mr. James) to decide whether or not he should set up a counter claim.

The case was then adjourned till next Court day.

Police Intelligence.

14th January, 1879.

The business before Mr. Creagh to-day was light, comprising one case of street gambling, dealt with by a fine of \$3; two of unlawful possession of property looked for from the fire, the defendants (four in number) being sent variously to 7 or 14 days' hard labor; two nuisances, in which fines of 20 and 30 cents were inflicted; one for fighting, fined 10 cents; one disorderly conduct, viz.: jumping into a boat to secure the job of carrying the baggage—a very old nuisance and one which should be put down speedily—fined 50 cents; one drunk, disposed of by the infliction of a fine of 10 cents and 40 cents amends to chair coolies; and one—a remand case—in which two men were bound over to be of good behavior having been found in a house for an unlawful purpose, to wit, gambling. The only case of any interest taken before Mr. Francis was a case of kidnapping, which was committed for trial, and the following remanded case:—

ALLEGED OUTRAGE.

Ng Hong Fong, described as a soldier from Kowloon City, was charged on remand before Mr. Francis, with attempting to carry off by force a woman named Ching Ah Kiu from Chow-ki-wan. The case has already been noted and remarked upon in these columns.

Young Ah, declared and cautioned to speak the truth, said:—I am a trader and do business with Swatow. I returned from Swatow on the 16th day of the 12th moon (8th January); I arrived in the S. S. *Douglas*. I went to Swatow on the 11th day of the 9th moon (8th October). I have been nowhere else between the times stated. I am married, and lived with my wife at Kowloon. My mother lives at Kowloon, but my father is dead. I married the complainant on the 11th day of the 11th moon of last year (25th December, 1877). She is 20 years

of age, and is my lawful wife. (Woman Tsun Ah Kiu brought into Court.)

Witness (in English): Yes, that is my lawful wife. When I married her she was not twenty years of age. I know her family; her mother lived at Foong Feh Lung, not far from Kowloon. I paid \$60 for her. She had never been married before. Her mother is here; the woman in Court is her mother.

Woman: What do you say daughter? Woman: Not so big.

His Worship: What do you mean? Is that woman your daughter? Woman: No, she is not so big. The witness is my son-in-law, but the woman is not my daughter. My daughter has two marks on her eyes. (Alleged wife examined, and no marks observable.)

His Worship (to witness): Your mother brought a petition here saying your wife had run away after you left for Swatow.

Witness: I myself brought a petition to the Magistrate a few days after my wife had run away. My petition was accepted, and filed by Mr. Sedell. I did not tell Inspector Swanton that my mother had sold my wife for \$20. What I said was that the mother of my wife had received another \$20 in addition to the \$60 I at first paid.

Tung Ah Kiu (the alleged wife) called.

His Worship: Look at that man; is he your husband? Woman: No, he is not my husband; why should I say he is?

His Worship (to alleged wife): Look again at that woman; do you not think you may have mistaken that woman for another very much like her?

Would-be husband: No, if she were burnt to ashes, I should identify her.

Inspector Swanton: There is one thing, your Worship, that appears strange. He says he returned from Swatow on the 8th January, and yet people assert that he was at Kowloon on the 7th. I know of my own knowledge that he was at Shaw-ki-wan at 6 a.m. of the 8th.

Witness (to his Worship): I returned very early. I am known on board the S.S. *Douglas*.

Disputed wife's chosen swain was here called into Court.

Witness (examination continued):—I know that man; he lived next door to me. He left there about four months ago. I know his father. I did not think at the time that he or his father had anything to do with my wife's running away. There are marks on the woman by which I could know her. There is a black mark on one of her limbs which she has had from birth. Chung Ah Kiu's father was arrested by the Chinese authorities on the information of myself and mother. I know the prisoner; he is no relation.

Prisoner said he had no questions to ask the witness; he (prisoner) was simply sent over with some of the elders of the City, at the earnest request of Chung Ah Kiu's (the favored swain's) father.

His Worship: How about the sword? Prisoner: I know nothing about that.

Chung Ah Kiu (favored swain), recalled, said, in answer to His Worship, who cautioned him:—I have spoken nothing but the truth. I know I must speak the truth. All the witness has just stated is untrue.

His Worship said he was inclined to believe the witness's statement. It was nonsense to speak of being married before the Registrar General. Chinese, unless Christians, could not be so married.

The mother of last witness was then called, and deposed:—The last witness is my son. The woman Tum Ah Kiu is my daughter-in-law.

The alleged mother of the woman was called and said:—The last witness's son is my son-in-law. No one told me that my daughter had run away from her husband. The last time I saw my daughter was on the 12th August last. She is my grand-daughter. I could not identify her again if I saw her. The woman in Court is not my daughter; she is not like her; my daughter's name was Acheung.

His Worship remarked that, so far as he could see, there was no reliance to be placed on the statement of the complainant and her alleged husband. Perhaps Chung Ah Kiu did not know she was married at the time he married her, but finding himself in a mess resolved to get out of it as best he could. This would be his decision, but he would report upon the case to H. E. the Governor; and if he decided to have the case sent to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General thought it desirable to send the case to the Criminal Sessions, he (Mr. Francis) would do so; but at present he was quite satisfied that the decision he himself had arrived at was a correct one.

China.

WENCHOW.

Jan. 2nd. As hope has once more gleamed on us in the shape of prospects of a regular steam communication, in the exuberance thus engendered I sit down to address you.

It hath come about this wise,—The Ning-po gentlemen composing the new celebrated Guild, foiled in their attempt to establish a monopoly for themselves and their friends through *lekin* arrangements, hit on the rather ingenious plan of striving to secure isolation and priority for their goods by running a lorcha, in which only such cargo as belonged to them, or the proceeds from which would be likely to redound to their profit, was permitted to be carried.

The Wenchow people are no doubt slow and difficult to rouse, but after awhile, like the proverbial wren, they thought it expedient to start the day before yesterday. Backed by the most influential natives of the place, not unfavourably looked on by the officials, if only a little perseverance is expended, the prospects for the *Yungning* establishing a trade and advancing the prosperity of this port seem very hopeful.

She may at for one or two trips show any very large returns; indeed it is possible she will do little more than pay her way; but it seems almost certain that if the time is kept up with regularity and persistence, a comparatively short time will elapse ere not only a profitable return for her efforts will be acquired but it also seems highly probable—that she will establish a position which future opposition will find very hard to assail.

The cargo, both export and import *estates*, and only requires to be centralized. Supported at this season by those who have hitherto been prominent in promoting its diffusion on behalf of their junks, it would seem that she sails under the most favourable auspices for securing the required concentration. Even at the risk of being tedious, I will once more venture to repeat the advice to those interested: Have patience, and be not disheartened because one, two, or even three trips do not show such profits as a too sanguine disposition might expect at the outset.

The weather is charming and reasonable, although in the absence of those operative and other festive attractions which Shanghai offers, we have perhaps not had quite so gay a Christmas and New Year as has been vouchsafed to you, still we have not been unhappy; this doubtless you will admit shows a contented disposition.—N. O. D. News.

Japan.

YAGASAKI.

(*Rising Sun*.)

Mr. Hanabusa, the Secretary in the Foreign Department, arrived here from Corea by the *Higer Kan* last Sunday, having successfully settled the affairs of the protective duties with Corea. He will return to Tokio by the next mail steamer, the man-of-war waiting here for orders. She also had on board the Fusan Consul; it is expected that she will be ordered back to Corea.

U.S.S. *Alert* is ordered to San Francisco and will probably leave Yokohama this week. We hear it is not unlikely that General Grant will visit Japan very shortly, and that he will arrive here on board the U.S.S. *Richmond*. This vessel, which was formerly Flag ship on the South Atlantic Station, will replace the *Monongahela* and become flag-ship on the Asiatic Station. H.I.R.M.S. *Ernak* is still under repair at Kure. The Japanese iron-clad *Higer Kan* and H.M.S. *Egeria* are the only other men-of-war in harbour.

It is confidently reported that on the 1st of April next the British Post-office will close in Japan, and all mails will pass through the hands of the Japanese. From this many will be good news, and as the working of the Imperial Post office has been proved to be thoroughly satisfactory, the change will no doubt meet with general approbation. For our own part we welcome the coming alteration, as it will avoid the necessity for sending in different directions whenever a mail arrives, and so long as the present satisfactory management continues at the Japanese Post-office, there can be little doubt that the proposed change will prove a boon to the public. We should not like, however, to see the foreign element withdrawn, as we confess to a feeling of doubtfulness whether the efficiency of the institution could be maintained without the masterly supervision of the foreign officials.

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 29th Dec., 1878.

Christmas has come and gone, and we have been visited with the largest and most destructive fire that ever occurred in this city. It had its origin, I believe, in a little shop, in a little lane on the down-hill side of Queen's Road, near the P. & O. office. We did not give it credit for being much of a fire at first, but supposed it was one of those one-house affairs which we have here occasionally; but before it was over we were satisfied that it would be considered a very respectable conflagration almost anywhere. There was a lively breeze blowing at the time, which carried the dense smoke and burning cinders over the roofs of the houses, and the fire quickly flashed across the little lane and blazed among the houses facing the Queen's Road.

This it soon crossed, notwithstanding the efforts of the firemen and volunteers, and crept rapidly up the hill. It was frightful and dangerous enough then, and it would have been pretty even betting that the whole city would be destroyed, for the firemen, although they managed to do some very effective work, could do very little to prevent its spread. With a few sickly streams of water playing on it, none of which could be thrown forty feet, with no hook and ladder company to get to the third story of any building, and with no other means of getting water there—the fire had its own way from the first. Then there were loud demands to blow up some of the buildings, but here was another hitch. The powder was buried under such hopeless oceans of red tape, and it was felt to be such an extreme measure, that nobody would take the responsibility. All the authorities were there,—military, naval, civil, and religious,—but it was a long time before they could get a working majority on the powder question. They succeeded at last in getting a very insufficient quantity, and attempted to blow up a house here and there, but the effect was not startling enough to scare anyone to death.

The streets were crowded with awe-stricken spectators, firemen, volunteers, and soldiers, and dense throngs of hurrying, shouting, coolies and Chinese shopkeepers, hastily moving the most valuable of their property to places of safety; and as the fire gained ground and came crowding after them, these places of safety were threatened, and there was another sudden ditting to more remote regions, which in turn were vacated as the flames rushed on. One of the largest curio and jewellery dealers in the Queen's Road was thus driven out five times. No sooner had he got his chattels to what he considered a secure spot, and sat him down on his sash, when the fire came roaring after him, and he was forced to re-check his baggage and journey on. He stopped at Aberdeen last time. He was tired of half-way measures. As the fire moved towards these places, the doors would suddenly open and a gang of distracted coolies would issue forth with packages of all sorts of merchandise along on bamboo, preceded by a yelling maniac with a rusty old knife or sword to protect the property, and hurry through the crowded streets, making their way somehow, shouting, pushing, scrambling, and rushing off to deposit it somewhere and return for more. As a slight instance of the anxiety of the smaller dealers to save their more humble wares, I saw a couple of coolies rally out of a little meat shop with a string of dried ducks and other edibles on a bamboo, and closely following them, with his meat chopper held aloft, was the confidential clerk of the establishment, shouting for all men to make room; and ready to play the first who snatched a sausage. The streets were crowded with these people all night, and they were rushing in all directions some away from the line of fire, and others apparently straight towards it.

After crossing the Queen's Road, the fire leaped quickly up the hill, burnt out Peel street, took in Corbance and Graham streets, and in an incredibly short time was raging at the gates of Gage street.

At length, and there was hurrying to and fro, and gathering tears, and tremblings of distress, and cheeks all pale, which but an hour ago blushed at the praise of their own loveliness; and there were sudden partings, such as press the life from out young hearts, and choking sighs which no effort might be repeated; who would guess if evermore should meet those mutual eyes. Since upon night so sweet such awful morn could rise!

And there was a sudden getting up and dusting out of baggage, and valuables, and weeping occupants, and belated visitors, and firemen.

I am told that the Governor, and one of the heads of the fire department were up there, and very creditably attempted to extinguish the fire in a burning chimney. Finding their endeavors fruitless, one of them (I won't gamble on the truth of this report) ascended to the roof and sat on the chimney hoping to smother the flames, and actually did sit there until the smoke came out of his mouth and I thought he was on fire himself. My informant further says that the hostess asked if they were officers. If they were, she would wish them a very good morning. She had had about a thousand officers there that night, and now she preferred a little fire for a change.

Our local evening paper called attention, long ago, to the advisability of having an experienced practical man at the head of the fire department; a man who knew a fire when he saw it, and was paid for knowing it, and without wishing to be found guilty of an original remark, I should think it might mend matters some.

If he knew enough to recognize the poverty of our resources, and our inability to cope with a dangerous fire, that would be something; and if he had judgment enough to know when the fire was getting too big to be handled with our crazy old engines, and had the upper hand of him, that would be still more; and if he had the authority to back his knowledge and to adopt decisive measures for putting it down, that would be something which we may expect in the next century.

I have nothing to say about the present heads of the department except that we might dispense with two of them and still manage to rub along. They are no doubt splendid men in their proper places,—in the police court and in jail, and such—were an honor to the land that gave them a birth and help to exalt it in the admiring eyes of nations, but they know about as much about a fire as they do about coroner's inquests, and that is saying a great deal. That they have capabilities, I will not deny; they might go in if it rained very hard, but it would require a few streaks of lightning to give them anything like a prompt start. Their knowledge of combustion is their weak point, and when they chip in at a fire, there is just where they are left. Now the question arises, why gave we burnt out instead of Shanghai? Is it a judgment on us for things we have done or left undone? If there had been ten good firemen in Nineweh, perhaps it wouldn't have been destroyed, but no one can truly say that we lack righteousness. If we are strong in anything, we pride ourselves on that.

It is a common thing to find the man who was first on the scene. There are at least five hundred of them, but when you come to the men who saved the P. & O. office, you can't find over a dozen or perhaps twenty. Although I was first at the fire I regret to say I didn't save anything very valuable. The only thing that I secured worth saving was a silver watch. Unfortunately the owner detected me when I was somewhat hurried in getting away with it, but I spread myself and finally landed it in a place of safety. It was close work though, and we were neck and neck for a time.

The burnt district this morning is a mass of tottering walls and crumbling ruins. The fall in shares was bad enough, but now our cup is full. We are a ruined community.

We don't quite see yet, how we are going to put this on the Governor, but no doubt it will all come right in time. We saddled him with the Wing Lok Street affair, and that was the inefficiency of the police. This is the inefficiency of the fire department, and he will have to answer for it before we finish with him.

I won't swear myself that I saw him do anything worse than lay around a few baskets of kerosene, but that in itself—coupled with his past record—was a suspicious circumstance. Didn't he do the same thing in Labuan, and where is Labuan to-day? Echo answers "nowhere."

One of the saddest features in the whole tragedy is the ruin of the washermen. Not one of them can meet his liabilities to-day. The fire seems to have been especially attracted to these places, and they are all wiped out, ruined and desolated.

One of our wealthiest and most public spirited citizens, is in the habit of giving big tiffins at his grounds in Kowloon three or four times a year,—feasts that would be the ruination of a moderate bank account,—and he issued invitations for one on the 26th, the day after the fire. It was intended to be an immense and successful affair, as most of this gentleman's transactions are, and all the *bliss* of the town were invited, from newspaper correspondents down to the Governor; but it was given, I believe, principally in honor of the Hongkong Volunteers. The fire of course killed all his arrangements, and he immediately gave orders that all of those elegant delicacies, and that substantial provender should be put where it would do the most good; and all honor to this generous gentleman for his forethought and liberality. May his shadow never be less than sixteen cubits, and may his purse always be as full as his heart is open. But at the hour on which that tiffin was to have been given, one of the guests, arrayed in his gorgeous uniform, covered with medals and decorations, and loaded with deadly weapons, left the stricken, burning town behind him, calmly proceeded over to Kowloon, and with his inside as empty as a drum, he serenely took a front seat at that solitary feast. But he came back to Hongkong for desert duty. He says that sort of tiffin is unsatisfactory, unless you have a little dessert to hold it down.—*Shanghai Courier*.

CHINESE FAMILY LIFE.

No. 7.

I am a native of the province of C— and now 89 years of age. I have no recollection of anyone anterior to my paternal grandfather, who died at the age of 73, and my maternal grandmother who lived to the age of 78. Our family history, as far as I have ever heard of it, dates from my grandparents, who lived in the town of N—

about 200 N from the riverine port of I— in the province of C—. I believe my grandfather had some land there, but at any rate he moved in a very humble sphere of life, and left no real property to his sons. My father died when I was 18 years of age. He was a small hawkier at the port of I— and always did very well until the rebels came and broke our family up. My mother was a small-footed woman from I— and is still alive: she would be at present about nine children, of whom I am the eldest. Next to me comes a brother now 33 years of age, and employed as servant to an official in Chekiang province; then another brother, now 30; then a brother who died young; next brothers of 27 and 24 years of age respectively; next two brothers who also died young; and finally a sister who is now 16. All my living brothers are employed like myself as personal servants to Government officers. I am the only one of the family who ever went to school: my education extended over a period of five years, but never landed me in a state of erudition sufficiently great to enable me to undertake ordinary reading or writing operations. All my other brothers are absolutely ignorant.

My education was interrupted at the age of 9 by the *Taiiping* rebels who mastered the great force around I—. At that time my father was working a small tile pottery which was destroyed by roving bands of plunderers. He became bankrupt, and of course could not afford to send me to school any longer. A plague [? cholera] broke out about that time at I— and my father was taken ill and died the same day. He suffered during the morning from dysentery, and vomiting; the calf of his leg putrified at once, and he was buried the same evening. Up to the age of 17 I was perfectly idle, but at that age I got an appointment as supernumerary order to the artillery-office who was exterminating the rebels, with wages at the rate of 6,000 cash a month. I served in this capacity for five years. After that I went to the capital, where my former master found me employment as under-servant to another officer, an acquaintance of his. At the age of 19 I married a small-footed native of I— who shortly afterwards bore me a child,—a girl now 12 years of age. I have no idea who my wife's father was, except that he ran away when the rebels came, and was never afterwards heard of. The marriage was arranged between my father and my wife's uncle, i.e. her mother's brother. We lived together about 5 or 6 years when my master's official duties took him to the other end of the Empire. I have ever since followed him from place to place, and it is thus over 10 years since I last saw my wife. As to my brothers, only one is married,—the third, he has recently, I understand, married a widow. My mother, wife, and daughter still live, I suppose, in the old place, and as I have not been able to send them money for some years, I apprehend that some of my brothers support them. It is not the custom in our part of the country to make much fuss about graves. My father is buried somewhere near our house. Of course I went to his funeral, but I have never been to the grave since. There he is, and there's an end of him. My mother's brother is well off, having a lucrative post of examiner in the native Customs at I—; he squeezes considerably I suppose, otherwise he would not be so well off. Probably he assists our family too.—*Shanghai Courier*.

GREAT FIRE AT OSAKA.

On the 16th Dec. at half-past two in the morning, a great fire broke out in Osaka, in the house of one Nishimura, No. 30, Kami-dori, I-cho-me, Ajikawa. At first the wind was from the west, but it soon shifted right round, and blew from the east. The fire was on the point of being got under, when the breeze suddenly became strong, and the flames spread towards the west, ravaging and destroying all before them for a distance of more than 120 yards. It was checked at No. 3, in the street in which it was originated, and was thought to be almost ended, when the wind again changed to the west, and at about 4 o'clock the flames ran towards the east for a space of 140 yards. The fire was finally stopped at No. 13, I-cho-me, at eight o'clock in the morning.

The area burnt over comprises a space of more than 2 cho from east to west by 18 ken (36 yards) from north to south. 183 houses were totally destroyed, and four were torn down by the firemen; a Buddhist temple, a mud godown, and a girl's school were also demolished.

We regret to have to report that seven firemen were wounded, and nearly 200 other people hurt, some severely.

The number of houses destroyed was scarcely 200, and the area burnt over, 2 cho, nothing when compared with the space annually devastated by fire in Tokio, where such occurrences are but too common. But if we compare the relative sizes of the two cities, this fire may fairly compare with a Tokio fire which burns 2,000 houses in a space of 20 cho.

The city is a thickly-populated one, and has the unenviable notoriety of ranking next to Tokio, in point of the frequency with which fires occur in the cold season.—*Osaka Nippo*.

DIAMONDS.

There is probably no city in the world of a similar population that has so large an amount of wealth invested in precious stones as San Francisco. Our citizens of Spanish descent have the partiality of their race for precious stones. They own a vast number, including diamonds, but exhibit a particular preference for pearls and emeralds. The Hebrews of the city are great buyers of precious stones, and own not less than \$5,000 worth of them. Their fancy for fine jewelry and gems is remarkable. The Germans own a fair share of our gems, but, as a class, manifest no special anxiety to collect them. More jewelry is worn here than at the East, and of the most expensive quality. The stock brokers are the best diamond customers we have. They buy at all times, but particularly when stocks are buoyant. The star professionals are also liberal buyers. It would be impossible for one person to enumerate, or be aware of all the fine collections of diamonds in a city like San Francisco. Mrs. Leland Stanford became the possessor of a few months ago of a diamond necklace of remarkable beauty. It was brought to this city by an agent of one of the largest jewelry houses in New York City, and the price paid for it was \$75,000. The greatest variety of fine jewelry owned by a private personage on this coast, including bracelets, rings, pendants, &c., is in the property of Mrs. Lloyd Davis, of this city, the whole having cost over \$100,000. Mr. Davis is a good judge of diamonds, and is fond of buying

them. Mr. J. B. Haggin is known as a diamond connoisseur. In his collection is a ruby formerly worn by Lola Montes, which that noted actress sold for a few hundred dollars. Subsequently Mr. Haggin ascertained that it would cost him \$5,000 or \$6,000 to get it matched in England. His predilection for precious stones has resulted in his having \$80,000 worth of gems and fine jewelry to choose from. Mrs. Charles Crockett has \$100,000 worth of diamonds, purchased at various times. Some of them are most remarkable for brilliancy. Mrs. Charles Main has \$25,000 worth of precious stones, her preferences being for opals. The Oriental opals are the best we get. Those procured on the Central American coast are little. One of the latter literally exploded during a thunderstorm in this city a few years ago. There is more fire in the Central American opals, but the Oriental ones are considered the best. Mrs. Thomas Sunderland has a diamond cross that is matchless.

A DROW DOWN IN THE WORLD.—Mr

William Sackville Gordon, who lately died in Victoria, was a son of the late Lord Henry Gordon, and cousin of the Marquis of Huntly. He had been following the occupation of letter-carrier in the Scotch districts for a number of years. He was one of thirteen children of (Major) Lord Henry Gordon, who died in 1865. He had been in the navy, serving in the *Orion* and other ships, and was afterwards in a London bank, which he had to leave from bad health. He went to San Francisco to take a bank appointment, but the bank fell through. Mr. Gordon was Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, that distinction having been conferred upon him when he was quite a youth, for spiking a gun at Bonaparte. He had the Baltic, the Crimea, and other war medals. His funeral, says a friend, "was one of the saddest affairs I ever attended in my life—there were five in attendance, including his widow and myself."—*Argyll*.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, January 14, 1879.

OPUM.—New Patna, cash, \$555 credit.

" Old Patna, cash, — credit.

" New Benares, cash, 527½ credit.

" Old Benares, cash, — credit.

" New Malwa, cash, 725 credit.

" Allowance Tels., — credit.

" Old Malwa, cash, 725 credit.

" Allowance Tels., — credit.

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/7½

" 30 days' sight, ... 3/7½

" 6 months' sight, ... 3/8½

Credits, ... 8/8½

Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/9

Bombay, demand Rupees, 221

Calcutta, ... 221

Shanghai, demand, ... 72½

" 80 days, ... 73½

Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 108½

Sycee, ... 109

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

MR. J. J. HOWARD is hereby authorized to SIGN BILLS OF LADING by the Company's Steamers.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879. fe2

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT and AUDITOR.

THOS. ARNOLD.

16, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS hitherto Conducted by us at this Port, CANTON and SHANGHAI will be CONTINUED from this Date under the Style and Title of VOGEL & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself at this Port and at CANTON as MERCHANT AND COMMISSION AGENT, under the Firm or Style of PUSTAU & Co.

T. I. E. VON PUSTAU.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr. OTTO BENECKE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1878.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton, Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF JOHN GRANT SMITH and WILLIAM DOLAN in our Firm CEASED on the 31st day of December, 1878.

MAEWEEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1878. f4

NOTICE.

WE have Established a BRANCH of our Firm at SHANGHAI.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1878. ja31

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED my BUSINESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Club Chambers, Hongkong, December 21, 1878. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE.

Office, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to CLOSE his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay.

The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day ESTABLISHED a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr. G. D. FITZMAURICE to Sign per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tse Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHON AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHAI, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM.

Leasee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail, Hongkong, April 9, 1878.

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF TOKIO will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On Through PASSAGES TO EUROPE, a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS of the ARMY AND NAVY, AND MEMBERS of the CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., of 16th instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information, as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879. ja17



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MED. TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON; VIA BOMBAY.

ALSO BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "MONGOLIA," Captain A. COLEMAN, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 18th January, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuable will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to A. MAYER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 6, 1879. ja18

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S.S. OCEANIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 4th February, 1879, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 31st February. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 3, 1879. fe4

Insurance.

THE GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.

THE AGENCY of the above Company at this Port and at Foochow has This Day been Transferred to the Undersigned, who are prepared to accept Risks and grant Policies at Current Rates.

BIRLEY & Co.

Hongkong, January 11, 1879. fe11

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent, pro tem.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

Insurance.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department. Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department. Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department. Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000 Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000 Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.	
Steamers											
Argyll	5 c	Scott	Brit.	str.	1271		Dec. 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	18th, 3 p.m.	
Bellona	2 h	Ahrens	Ger.	str.	789		Jan. 13	Stemssen & Co.			
Bombay	1 h		Brit.	str.	749		Feb. 12	K'wok Achong			
Cassandra	2 h	Langer	Ger.	str.	937		Dec. 20	Stemssen & Co.			
Chinkiang	5 c	Orr	Brit.	str.	799		Dec. 21	Stemssen & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock	
City of Tokio	5 c	Maury	Amer.	str.	5079		Jan. 3	M. S. S. Co.	Y'ama & S. F. deo	Mail: 16th	
Fama	5 h	Stopan	Brit.	str.	1865		Jan. 7	H. K. & W'pon Dook Co.	Tug Flying		
Japan	5 h	Gardner	Brit.	str.	975		Jan. 11	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	18th, 8 p.m.	
Karo	5 c	Colling	Brit.	str.	1050		Jan. 3	Chinese	Swatow	To-day	
Killarney	5 c	O'Neill	Brit.	str.	1034		Jan. 12	Gibb, Livingston & Co.			
Lorne	5 c	McCallum	Brit.	str.	2000		Jan. 13	Melchers & Co.			
Ningolia	5 c	Cass	Brit.	str.	761		Jan. 13	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	Mail: 18th	
Norona	3 k		Brit.	str.	806		June 28	Stemssen & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock	
Pacific	4 c	Hernsheim	Ger.	str.	69		Jan. 10	K'wok Achong			
Pernambuco	4 c	Hyde	Brit.	str.	643		Jan. 12	Stemssen & Co.	Saigon		
Perusia	5 c	McKirdy	Belg.	str.	2297		Dec. 17	Melchers & Co.			
Quinta	5 c	Wang	Ger.	str.	876		Jan. 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saigon		
Rajasthanhar	3 h	Hopkins	Brit.	str.	933		Jan. 9	Soy Shing	Bangkok	16th inst.	
Sau Gull	8 h		Amer.	str.	48		July 18	Yuen Fat Hong			
Sunda	5 c	Reeves	Brit.	str.	1029		Jan. 2	W. H. Ray			
Thales	5 c	Pocock	Brit.	str.	820		Jan. 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Mail	
Tibre	5 c	Girard	Foh.	str.	1009		Jan. 7	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yokohama	K'loon Dock	
Venice	4 h	Rhode	Brit.	str.	1271		Jan. 12	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama	Mail	
								Jardine, Matheson & Co.			
Sailing Vessels											
Agate	3 c	Pike	Amer.	bge.	620		Dec. 20	Vogel & Co.	New York		
Alden Bease	3 c	Noyes	Amer.	bge.	850		Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.		K'loon Dock	
Alma	7 c	Ohlsson	Swed.	bge.	332		Nov. 20	Meyer & Co.	London	Cleared	
Alva	8 c	Sozua	Port.	sh.	631		Nov. 20	Brandao & Co.	Bombay		
Black Hawk	8 c	Howland	Amer.	sh.	1126		Jan. 13	So. B. Stevens & Co.			
Black Watch	8 c	Kennish	Brit.	bge.	491		Dec. 6	Master		Sands' Slip	
Carnarvonshire	5 h	Fishwick	Brit.	bge.	388		Nov. 13	Gibb, Livingston & Co.			
Charmar	1 k	Lucky	Amer.	sh.	1333		Jan. 8	Order			
Chengtung	1 c	Bakie	Brit.	3m.sc.	304		Nov. 14	Borneo Co., Limited			
Christina	3 c	Copra	Nic.3.m.sc.	173			Dec. 2	J. J. dos Remedios & Co.			
Cosera	8 h		Amer.	sch.	188		July 17	W. H. Ray			
Coloma	4 c	Hall	Amer.	bge.	853		Nov. 15	Russell & Co.			
Commissary	7 h	Morison	Brit.	sh.	900		Oct. 28	Meyer & Co.			
Cendor	2 h	Stephens	Ger.	bge.	368		Nov. 22	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg		
Connaught Ranger	3 c	Murphy	Brit.	sh.	1153		Dec. 3	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock	
Cordouan	2 c	Bertaud	Foh.	bge.	459		Nov. 10	Carlowitz & Co.			
Corea	2 c	Pearce	Brit.	bge.	535		Jan. 9	Meyer & Co.		Wanchai Pier	
Cresswell	4 k	White	Brit.	bge.	464		Jan. 6	Weller & Co.			
Crusader	4 c	Hemmen	Amer.	bge.	669		Nov. 27	Russell & Co.	Honolulu		
Davina	4 c	Scott	Brit.	bge.	425		Dec. 20	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Kieling	Ab'deen Dock	
E. O. Mutch	4 k	Mitch	Brit.	sch.	182		Jan. 9	Captain			
Echo	2 k	Tozer	Brit.	bge.	389		Jan. 5	Arnold, Karberg & Co.			
Elizabeth Nicholson	8 c	Grierson	Brit.	sh.	904		Oct. 17	Borneo Co., Limited			
Emilio V.	2 c	Merello	Ital.	sh.	724		Nov. 30	D. Masano & Co.	Nagasaki	Sands' Slip	
Esperance	4 c	Guillon	Foh.	bge.	272		Dec. 2	Carlowitz & Co.		Ab'deen Dock	
Fanny	4 c	Gougon	Foh.	bge.	314		Nov. 9	Landstein & Co.			
Faugh Balaugh	3 c	Britie	Ger.	bge.	440		Dec. 19	Carlowitz & Co.			
Fleeting	3 c	Guest	Amer.	sh.	328		Nov. 22	Vogel & Co.	New York		
Flemberg	3 c	Jacobson	Dan.	bge.	365		Nov. 22	Eduard Schellhass & Co.			
Fontenay	3 c	Taylor	Brit.	sh.	635		Oct. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Callao		
Forward	2 c	Vandervord	Brit.	bge.	744		Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.			
Friedrich	5 k	Clderup	Ger.	bge.	372		Jan. 7	Meyer & Co.			
Hail Columbia	4 k	Brereton	Amer.	sch.	358		Nov. 10	Eduard Schellhass & Co.			
Hattie N. Bangs	3 c	Bangs	Am.3m.sc.	566			Dec. 1	Captain		Cos'tan Dock	
Hawthorn	3 c	Mead	Brit.	bge.	298		Dec. 2	Wiler & Co.			
Hazelsuret	3 k	Goudey	Brit.	bge.	877		Jan. 18	Captain			
Helena	2 c	Snow	Amer.	bge.	608		Jan. 1	Captain			
Helene	4 c	Volguarden	Ger.	bge.	372		Nov. 28	Wiler & Co.	Portland (Oregon)		
Herbert Black	4 k	Trent	Amer.	bge.	873		Jan. 2	Rozario & Co.			
Highlander	4 k	Hutchinson	Amer.	sh.	1362		June 18	Vogel & Co.			
Holstein	5 k	Kulper	Ger.3m.sc.	281			Jan. 19	Eduard Schellhass & Co.			
Invincible	8 c	Strickland	Amer.	sh.	1480		Dec. 6	Meyer & Co.			
Irene	3 c	Yates	Amer.	bge.	451		Jan. 28	Russell & Co.	New York		
J. H. Ingersoll	7 c	Dawson	Amer.	bge.	609		Nov. 14	Meyer & Co.			
Kvik	7 c	Larsen	Norw.	bge.	673		Dec. 16	Captain			
Laura R. Burnham	2 c	Phillips	Am.3m.sc.	638			Jan. 8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.			
Laurel	3 c	Johns n	Brit.	bge.	472		Jan. 19	Order			
Lota	8 c	Duddfield	Brit.	bge.	245		Oct. 17	Eduard Schellhass & Co.			
Louisa	3 k	Nicarloh	Ger.3m.sc.	648			Dec. 14	Rozario & Co.	Haiphong		
Maid of Judah	3 c	Webb	Brit.	bge.	246		Dec. 14	Rozario & Co.	Takow	Cos'tan Dock	
Marquis of Argyll	3 c	McKeon	Brit.	bge.	500		Dec. 24	Rozario & Co.			
Matheson	4 c	Dawson	Amer.	sh.	1165		Nov. 10	Meyer & Co.			
Mercury	2 c	Thomas	Brit.3m.sc.	361			Dec. 1	Vogel & Co.	London		
Mignon	4 k	Soule	Am.3m.sc.	494			Jan. 1	Captain			
Min-y-don	7 c	Leadle	Brit.	sh.	1108		Sept. 8	Russell & Co.	San Francisco		
Morning Star	1 h	Michaelsen	Slam.	bge.	570		Dec. 10	Chinese			
Nicolaus	4 k	Stolken	Ger.	sch.	157		Oct. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Canton		
Nuevo Constante	3 k	Uriarte	Span.	sch.	208		Dec. 25	Remedios & Co.	Manila	Cleared 18th inst.	
Onward	4 c	Boysen	Brit.	sch.	200		Dec. 27	Lane, Crawford & Co.			
Pacific Slope	1 c	Tank	Brit.	bge.	799		Jan. 14	Russell & Co.			
P. Fitzpatrick	8 c	Phelan	Amer.	bge.	580		Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Rangoon	K'loon Dock	
Premier	8 c	Holmes	Brit.	bge.	488		Jan. 1	Arnold, Karberg & Co.			
Prince Arthur	3 k	Wills	Brit.	bge.	208		Dec. 14	Chinese			
Rosetta McNell	4 c	Brown	Amer.	bge.	611		Dec. 10	Vogel & Co.			
S. R. Beare	2 c	Oakes	Amer.	bge.	607		Dec. 10	Russell & Co.	New York		
Silver Eagle	2 c	Richard	Brit.	bge.	908		Jan. 23	W. H. Ray	Foochow	Cleared	
Spartan	8 k	Vicent	Amer.	sch.	581		Jan. 6	Meyer & Co.		Wanchai Pier	
Staut	8 k	Aschehong	Norw.	bge.	1102		Dec. 30	Arnold, Karberg & Co.			
Stonewall Jackson	8 c	Bartlett	Amer.	bge.	1158		Dec. 17	Russell & Co.	Singapore		
Strathcarr	8 k	Miller	Brit.	bge.	500		Dec. 21	Captain			
Strathmore	5 k	Hensworth	Brit.	bge.	943		Jan. 9	Stemssen & Co.			
Sunairide	3 k	Holston	Norw.	sh.	1090		Sept. 6	Russell & Co.			
Sunatara	5 k	Clough	Amer.	sh.	993		Sept. 6	Vogel & Co.			
Sydenham	3 k	Miller	Brit.	sh.	1063		Jan. 37	Nov. 22	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Chefoo	Cleared
Theresa & Mary	1 h	Garceau	Foh.	bge.	359		Nov. 10	Carlowitz & Co.			
Thos. A. Goddard	7 c	Smith	Amer.	bge.	682		Jan. 9	Douglas Lapraik & Co.			
Verona	3 k	Bartlett	Brit.	bge.	668		Oct. 24	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Manila	Cleared	
W. E. Gladstone	3 c	Callihan	Brit.	bge.	584		Jan. 4	Master			
Wm. Phillips	8 h	Healy	Amer.	sch.	592		Jan. 13	Captain			
WEAMPOA											
Charlid		Gautiere	Foh.	bge.	256		Jan. 4	Carlowitz & Co.	Hientain		
Florence Nightingale		McIntyre	Brit.	bge.	464		Jan. 6	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Hientain		
Paralos		Fasco	Foh.	bge.	342		Jan. 4	Carlowitz & Co.	Hientain		
CANTON											
Fuyew		Cron	Chl.	str.	920		Jan. 13	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai		
Yangtze		Schultz	Brit.	str.	782		Jan. 12	Stemssen & Co.	Shanghai		